

The Lambson Tavern
Lower Penns Neck, Salem County, New Jersey
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Owner: Mr. Lin Johnson

Date of Erection: 1741

Architect:

Builder: Mathias Lambson

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick,
front of older section
Flemish bond

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The Lambson family came to Lower Penns Neck about 1690. Thomas Lambson was the founder of the family. It was one of his sons, Mathias, who built the present house in 1741. The Lambsons unlike most of their neighbors were Baptists.

Not far from the house in what was called Long Lane was fought a brief skirmish in March, 1778 between the British who were on a foraging expedition and the American militia. Formerly the old road that entered Salem by the way of Mannington ran just above the house.

The property passed from the Lambson family to the Lindseys, and is now owned by Lin Johnson. The Lambson family has nearly died out, but at one time they were large land owners and influential people.

It is called Lambson Tavern on the authority of the late Charles Boyer, President of the Camden County Historical Society, who unearthed evidence that it was once used as a tavern.

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